



**UNITED STATES ARMY  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

21 Aug 01

Dear Chief Eckrich:

Congratulations on winning DoD's 2001 Fire and Emergency Services, Civilian Fire Officer of the Year Award. Your unprecedented Army achievements, including the Distinguished Golden Fire Service Cross presented to you by the Chancellor of Germany, are unique in the annals of Army fire and emergency services.

I want you to know how much I admire and appreciate your extraordinary leadership in protecting our soldiers, civilians, and their families around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric K. Shinseki".

Eric K. Shinseki  
General, United States Army

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